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### **Author Richard Reeves to Discuss New Book, “President Reagan: Triumph of Imagination”**

*Event is Part of Great American Writers Series Presented by Library and City Club*

SAN DIEGO – Author and syndicated columnist Richard Reeves will discuss his new book, “President Reagan: Triumph of Imagination,” on Thursday, Jan. 12 at the Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch Library at 7 p.m. The event is part of the Great American Writers Series presented by the City of San Diego Public Library and the City Club of San Diego.

Twenty-five years after Ronald Reagan became president, Reeves has written a surprising and revealing portrait of one of the most important leaders of the twentieth century. As he did in his bestselling books “President Kennedy: Profile of Power” and “President Nixon: Alone in the White House,” Reeves has used newly declassified documents and hundreds of interviews to show a president at work day by day, sometimes minute by minute.

“President Reagan: The Triumph of Imagination” is the story of an accomplished politician, a bold, even reckless leader, a gambler, a man who imagined an American past and an American future—and made them real. He is a man of ideas who changed the world for better or worse, a man who understands that words are often more important than deeds. Reeves shows a man who understands how to be President, who knows that the job is not to manage the government but to lead the nation.

Reeves is an author and syndicated columnist whose weekly column has appeared since 1979 in more than 100 newspapers. He has received a number of awards for his work in print, television and film, and for his contributions to journalism.

Reeves began his career in journalism at age 23, founding the *Phillipsburg Free Press* in Phillipsburg, N.J. Working his way up, he became chief political correspondent of *The New York Times*, writing for numerous publications and becoming national editor and columnist for *Esquire* and *New York Magazine* along the way. Named a “literary lion” by the New York Public Library, Reeves has won a number of print journalism awards and has been a Pulitzer Prize finalist and juror.

In 1975, Reeves made the leap from newspaper to books with the publication of “A Ford, not a Lincoln.” His “President Kennedy: Profile of Power” is now considered the authoritative work on the 35th president, has won several national awards and was named the Best Non-Fiction Book of 1993 by *Time* and Book of the Year by *Washington Monthly*.

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Reeves has also worked extensively on television and in film, as a panelist for “We Interrupt this Week,” and Chief Correspondent on “Frontline.” He has made six television films and won all of television’s major documentary awards: the Emmy for “Lights, Camera . . . Politics!” for ABC News; the Columbia-DuPont Award for “Struggle for Birmingham” for PBS; and the George Foster Peabody Award for “Red Star over Khyber” for PBS.

Moreover, Reeves has received recognition for his impact on journalism. In 1998, he won the Carey McWilliams Award of the American Political Science Association for distinguished contributions to the understanding of American politics. He was the Goldman Lecturer on American Civilization and Government at the Library of Congress that year; the lectures were published by Harvard University Press under the title *What the People Know: Freedom and the Press*.

Today, Reeves is a visiting professor at the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Southern California, while continuing to write his weekly syndicated column. His ongoing projects include a history of the Oregon Trail, and a recreation of the experiments of Ernest Rutherford (Nobel Prize winner for chemistry in 1908).

The Great American Writers Series features the whole genre of American writing - fiction, non-fiction, and journalism. The corporate sponsor of the upcoming event is the San Diego National Bank.

The Jan. 12 event will be held at the Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch Library, located at 10301 Scripps Lake Drive. Reservations are required. Please contact the City Club of San Diego at 619-687-3580 or [cityclubofsandiego@prodigy.net](mailto:cityclubofsandiego@prodigy.net).

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